Peninsula Papers

Information and news for the communities of St Ishmaels, Hasguard, Robeston West, Walwyn's Castle, Dale, St Brides and Marloes.

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A Happy Christmas and New Year to all our readers

Papurau Penrhyn

Gwybodaeth a newyddion am gymunedau St Ishmael’s, Hasguard, Robeston West, Walwyn’s Castle, Dale, St Bride’s a Marloes.
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Dear All,

Do you find that it is really hard, at this time of year, to plan for things that will happen after Christmas? Maybe it is just me. I see the pages of my 2019 diary starting to run out and feel a real reluctance to think about anything beyond turkey, tinsel and mistletoe. However, this issue of Peninsular papers is for December and January, so we wish you and yours a good Advent, a thoughtful election, a merry, merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Then with a deep breath, 2020 will begin. 2020! It sounds so futuristic. If you ask me to imagine life in 2020, it still sounds to me a little like an essay I would have written in school. I expect it would include jet packs for personal transportation, weekend breaks on the moon and close encounters with good-looking aliens! It certainly does not sound like the date on next year’s diary.

Much of the future is uncertain but there are some things that are planned. The end of December concludes the research phase of the God, King and Country project, so anything you would like included needs to have reached Rhiannon by then. After that the writing up and the schools work begin. On February 2nd the Bishop is coming to Walwyn’s Castle for a confirmation.

On a bigger scale 2020 is the date the Church in Wales set itself to try and reform its structure, and now we largely have, there remains the difficult work of making that structure work. 2020 is also the hundredth anniversary of Disestablishment, so it will be a time to look back, take stock, celebrate and plan the future. It is also, we believe, the 900th anniversary of St. David being recognised as a saint by the wider church (it only took 500 years or so).

The problem with all these anniversaries is it could make you fall into the trap of believing that God was only with us in the past but, if God is God, the God who we celebrate in the Christ-child at Christmas, then God is with us in the future, jet packs or not, just as much as the past or the present moment. It is our fears and exhaustion that keep us from being breathless with anticipation to see what God will do next.

With our warmest good wishes for a Christmas and the New Year that take your breath away in wonder,

Gaynor, Andrew and Rhiannon
Marloes and St Brides Joint Christmas Service

Moriah Baptist Chapel, Marloes - 15th December 2019 at 2:30pm

Officiating: Mrs Margaret Price

All members of Marloes and St Brides and surrounding communities are invited to the 2019 joint Christmas service, held at Moriah Baptist Chapel, Marloes on Sunday 15th December at 2:30pm.

Refreshments to be served in the Lobster Pot Inn following the service.

All are welcome.

St Ishmael’s Church
At The Sports Centre

Christmas Carol Party

Wednesday 18th at 7.00pm
Everyone Welcome
Carols, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine & Raffle

MOTHERS’ UNION.

We put Gaynor’s talk on “Women in the bible” on hold until next year when we are likely to have an audience who can appreciate it. This month a small group of MU members came together for a short service, tea and chat and put much of the world to rights for an hour at least!

December brings with it the usual festive fare, a Christmas lunch, carols and fun, Whilst January brings the monotony of an AGM much enhanced by a bring and share supper, chat and company. So if you feel like popping in to see how we operate please do. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Marloes Village Hall at 7.30pm.........Look forward to seeing you there!

For any more information contact Harriet 636668, or Bridget 636274.

We wish members, their families and all readers of Peninsula Papers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Meeting held on the 4th November 2019.

Sea grass. There has been a proposed revised location for 2 hectares of sea grass planting in Dale bay. However many members of the Community and Councillors have grave concerns about the project. The Council feels that there are many questions yet to be answered. Planting had begun before any discussions had been held with the community, and a greater amount of seeds have been planted. No assurances have been given as to how far or fast the sea grass could grow. Several questions were also asked as to why National Parks and AM Leslie Griffith had already given their support to the project before talking to the community to discuss their feelings and concerns. Clerk to write to all the relevant parties highlighting the Council’s concerns.

Community Delivery Project. A letter had been sent to the Community Champion Co–Coordinator P.C.C. highlighting the Council’s concerns about the matter of the public toilets. Dale has relatively new toilets, including a disabled toilet that serve thousands of visitors that come to Dale throughout the year. The Blue Flag status awarded to Dale requires public toilets to be available. It is absolutely essential for visitors. The Council suggested that the income that P.C.C have from the car park would more than cover the cost of running the toilets. However, because the toilets are not in a P.C.C car...
park they would not be able to use the money to offset the cost of running the toilets. The Coordinator did say that they would be looking into this situation and would be exploring all options to keep the toilets open. Dale Community Council also think that National Parks should be asked to take over the running of the toilets in Dale.

Highways/ Pickleridge. ‘People in Road’ signs had been placed by Pickleridge and leaving the Village by Black Rock. Due to lack of resources and the ‘authorities verge mowing policy’, said they were unable to agree to our request of having the verges cut before the Easter holidays and on a regular period during the tourist season for Pickleridge to Black Rock. They said that one main cut is made on the 1st July and lasting 6-8 weeks depending on growth and that safety cuts are carried out at junctions, visibility splays, bad bends and other locations where the growth restricts/impedes visibility for the road user. The verges on the Summer exit of the car park also restrict visibility and it was decided that a letter should be sent to National Parks to ask about hedge and verge cutting especially on the coastal paths in the village.

Monitoring training. Council members on the 5th February 2020, by the Monitoring Officer P.C.C. Monitoring/ Code of Conduct training session is to be held in the Coronation Hall Dale for all Community. Clerk to invite St Ishmaels, Herbrandston, Marloes, and Walwyns Castle Community Councils to attend.

Funding from Second Home Grants. Funding from second home grants in Dale is quite high owing to the number of second homes in the Village. It was suggested that this money could be used in a more substantial way to benefit the whole Dale Community. Any money not used in the year is automatically added to the following year entitlement.

Planning. Application for NP/19/0555/FUL has been applied for Alterations and side extension to existing dwelling, Broad Reach, South Street, Dale.

Community Councils

Brook Cottage. The Council asked for an update on Brook Cottage from the Buildings Conservation Officer as there had been some local people that had expressed concerns as to the state of the property. ‘A structural survey has been done and the ecologists are on board. Architects /agents have been appointed and as of today sent application forms to the owner. There are however many structural defects, but for now progress is being made with getting the applications in and these will be given high priority.’

Emails/ letter response times. All emails must be sent to all Community Council members, and all debates /decisions on Council matters need to be transparent and generally decided in public Council meetings. There are dangers where a Councillor discusses matters with one but not all Councillors. Emails are a very important in giving Councillors time to think about relevant issues before the next Council meeting, especially as the meetings are held every other month. Response times for Clerk and Councillors to write letters should be within two weeks of the Community Council meeting.

Financial report. Grant Thornton certified the Annual Return for Dale Community Council for the year ended 31 March 2019. Financial Regulations need to be adopted and reviewed every year by the Community Council. Budget to be decided at the Budget meeting on the 4th December at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite Dale. The Community Council also to revise Clerks salary.

£750.00 had been transferred from the current account to the business account for the Election expenses

Current account to date on the 31st October £457.57

Business account £1,502.19

County Council Matters. Cll Reg Owens informed us that there was a 4 week waiting list for Pembrokeshire C.C. to deal with fly-
tipping. The Council need clarification on Holiday home refuse collection arrangements.

**Correspondence.** Milford Port Authority replied to the request for information about the excessive speed used by the Water Ranger in the Summer near the inner pontoon and his use of the blue light. Unfortunately the Water Ranger was away on training courses. The Port Authority will discuss the matter with him when he returns.

Mr Ryder informed us that he had asked for the recycling bins in the car park to be taken away, and that the Council had asked for permission to install two car electric chargers in the car park.

Mr K. Rogers came to ask us to spread the word about a new voucher scheme to enable a full fibre broadband to be connected in the village. Pembrokeshire CC have a new project to extend high speed broadband coverage in rural areas. To do this they require an expression of interest from a sufficient number of residents and businesses within the project area. If there is enough interest they can access funds to provide high speed optic fibre connections both within villages and outlying areas.

**Date of the next Community Council meeting** to be held on Monday 13th January, 2020, at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Coronation Hall, Dale.

**MARLOES & ST BRIDES**

Items under discussion included the following:

**Planning Matters**

NP/19/0503/FUL – Marloes Sands Car Park & Associated Works – Since the meeting, planning consent has been issued. Work on the car park will start early in the New Year. The National Trust intend that car parking will continue to be provided while the work is ongoing.

NP/19/0554/FUL – Beacon Field – Gates. After reviewing the new application, it was agreed that the Council support this proposal as far less hedgerow is lost in this application, to achieve a gate for pedestrian use, and a double gate for field access. The Council requested that a hedge to the left of the new pedestrian gate is made up to a similar standard to the existing hedges. The Council was pleased to note that the new double gates will open inwards, away from the road to Martins Haven.

NP/19/0576/FUL – National Trust – Erection of new car park hut at Marloes Sands Car Park.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council request that the hut is clad with wood and painted green rather than black to fit into the surrounding environment. Other points to be raised with regard to the possible use of solar panels, and the retail sale of non National Trust goods.

**County Council Matters** – Fence at Gaylane Terrace still to be repaired. Surface water flooding on the Marloes side of Crabhall Farmhouse to be reported - the under road drain may have collapsed. Street light problems to be reported.

**Footpaths** - The Council was advised by Mr. Cullen that further work will be done on Frankies Lane in January. The overhanging canopy will be cut back, and further ballast will be laid as necessary. Clock Tower footpath may require further work to overcome damp areas near the Clock Tower end.

**Kerbside Collections** – Noted that this had commenced last week, and will take a few weeks for all residents to get used to the new boxes and bags. Concern was expressed about the difficulties in getting through to the County Council Contact Centre.

**Broadband Initiative** – Agreed that the Clerk ask the Broadband Engagement Officers, Mike Odlin & Patrick Hannon to attend on Monday 9th December, at 7.30pm, 2019 at Marloes Village Hall. Members of the Community who are interested in improving
their Broadband provision are welcome to attend. Further information is available on www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/broadband, and in particular you are asked to complete the “Broadband Survey” as soon as possible.

Remembrance Service - The meeting was advised that Cllr. Jessop laid a wreath on behalf of the Community, with Mrs. Evans laying one on behalf of St. Peter’s Church, and Master Benjamin Parsons laying the wreath on behalf of Coastlands School. Members of the community were in attendance, with the service conducted by the Rev. Gaynor Ford.

Financial Matters - Annual Donations – The meeting approved the payment of £30 to the Royal British Legion, £40 each for the Churchyards of St. Bridget and St. Peter’s, £570 to Marloes Village Hall, £50 for Peninsula Papers, £20 for The Samartians, and £10 to Paul Sartori.

Clock Tower Electrics – Noted that the Community Council would have to agree a new contract by the end of November – Ebico (Robin Hood Energy). The contract would not have a Standing Charge, but would include a minimum billed value of £52.

Clock Tower – The Council recorded their thanks to Mr. David Hall for opening the Clock Tower this year. Noted it is not necessary to replace the Christmas lights.

Marloes Phone Box – The Council has been notified that because the phone kiosk by the Village Toilets has only been used 5 times in the last year, then it is proposed to remove the Kiosk. The Clerk will advise that the kiosk is situated by a defibrillator, which would make it easier to phone 999 and then activate use of the life saving equipment if there was an emergency in or near the Community.

VE Celebrations Friday May 8th 2020. - The council received details of the National Events planned for the day and also for the following Saturday and Sunday. Cllr. Jessop to clarify if Beacons are planned for the day, as Council members have been told happened in Marloes in 1945. local residents and groups are asked to advise the Council in the New Year what events they envisage happening on the special Anniversary Weekend.

Christmas Events
Carol Singing – It is planned to hold this event again, shortly before Christmas. Please listen out for the Carol Singers calling.

New Year’s Beach Clean – see separate notice.

Next Meetings - The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 9th December 2019, 7.30pm at Marloes Village Hall, when the business meeting will be held. The meeting for January is scheduled for Monday 13th January 2020 – see notice nearer the time. Community residents of Marloes & St. Brides are very welcome to attend, and may speak at the invitation of the Chairman.
the following notes.
The CC do not currently have “Standing Orders” in place which is a mandatory requirement - Clerk to investigate and report.
The CC do not currently have the mandatory “Financial Regulations” in place - This will be remedied in due course
The CC do not currently have a website and should ensure a fully functional website is established and regularly updated - It was agreed that the CC had neither the skills, resources or finances to be able to develop a website and it was worth contacting PCC to seek assistance as it was considered that other community councils would be in a similar situation.

3. Planning
NP/19/0538/FUL. Garden Centre Manager’s bungalow.
This application was considered to be in line with the overall development and success of the former Nurseries development and added materially to upgrading the amenities.
It was unanimously supported
NP/19/0500/S73. Variation of time period – extension permission for 3 years - No objections
The CC welcomed the notification that the recent application for the development of the former glass houses had been approved despite being recommended refusal by the planners and the CC wished to thank the PCNP planning committee for their continued support of this development.

4. AOB
Community Council membership – Although the CC composition was full with its 6 members, it was agreed that they would welcome the attendance of community members, most particularly when discussing items requiring specialist input. However, attendance would be entirely at the discretion of the majority of the members and contribution could not be extended to voting rights

Public Toilets – It was noted that there had been no response from PCC or MP, Mr S Crabb regarding the move to apply business rates to the toilets. Members were reminded that unless this can be reversed, it will not be possible for the CC to continue to maintain these important facilities. It was agreed that PCC would be asked for a progress report.
Police visits – It was agreed that few visits had been observed and members were reminded of the contact number for the Police community offer is 01267 222 020 and that it would be helpful if this number was placed in Peninsula Papers.
HGVs – It had been drawn to the attention of the CC that, on more than one occasion, an articulated HGV had attempted to travel along the Anchor Hoaten lane, which had resulted in many hours of delays and thus denying access to emergency vehicles. There are HGV warning signs but they are in English only and it was agreed that the clerk should investigate the possibility of replacing the signs with something more effective.

Next meeting:-
The next meeting of the Community Council will be on:-
Monday 9th December in the Memorial Hall commencing at 11.00hrs

MEMORIAL HALL  P.S. As these minutes go to press (November 18th) the final exchange of contracts on the hall is imminent, with all relevant documents now signed, all purchaser queries surrounding the sale answered and legal stipulations completed by the Council Clerk
**December and January Diary**

**NOVEMBER**

- **Sat 30 1000** Marloes & St Brides Churches Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning, Marloes Village Hall

**DECEMBER**

- **Sun 1 1600** St James Dale Advent Family Service
- **Tue 3 1330** Dale Winter Warmers, Dementia Friends
- **Mon 9 1100** St Ishmaels Community Council, Memorial Hall
- **Mon 9 1930** Walwyns Castle - God, King & Country Project meeting
- **Mon 9 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
- **Tue 10 1330** Dale Winter Warmers, Christmas Tea and Carols
- **Tues 10 1800** MADPADS AGM, Marloes Village Hall.
- **Tues 10 1930** Social & Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall (see advert)
- **Sat 14 1030 - 1600** St Ishmaels Garden Centre Christmas Fair – Crafts & Street Food
- **Sat 14 1000** Walwyns Castle, Christmas Wreath Making - see advert
- **Sat 14 1400** Dale Wildlife Watch, Christmas Decorations, Dale Fort
- **Sat 14 1930** St Ishmaels Sport & Social Club Turkey Curry and Quiz night
- **Sun 15 1430** Marloes & St Brides Joint Carol Service, Moriah Chapel
- **Wed 18 1900** St Ishmaels Church Carol Party, St Ishmaels Sport & Social Club
- **Sat 21 1900** “Alice in Pantoland” at St Ishmaels Sports and Social Club
- **Sun 22 1400** St Ishmaels Sport & Social Club Children’s Party
- **Sun 22 1430** Carols and Mince Pies, Aenon - Sandy Hill
- **Sun 22 1800** St James Dale Carol Service
- **Sun 22 1930** Walwyns Castle Family Carol Service and Christingle
- **Mon 23 1800** Carol Singing around Marloes Village - meet outside the Lobster Pot
- **Tue 24 1600** St James Dale Crib Service
- **Tue 24 1600** St Peters Marloes Crib Service
- **Tue 24 1800** St Brides Carol Service
- **Tue 24 2130** Walwyns Castle, mulled wine & mince pies then Christmas Mass at 10pm
- **Thu 26** St Ishmaels Sport & Social Club Under-40s v Over-40s Football
- **Tue 31 1330** Marloes Midwinter Beach Clean, meet Marloes Sands Car Park

**JANUARY**

- **Mon 13 1900** Dale Community Council, Jubilee Suite
- **Mon 13 1930** Marloes & St Brides Community Council, Marloes Village Hall
- **Tue 14 1930** Social & Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall (see advert)
- **Tue 14 1930** Mothers Union AGM followed by Bring & Share, Marloes Village Hall
- **Sat 18 1900** “Cinderalla”, Haverfordwest Operatic Society, Dale Coronation Hall
- **Mon 20 1930** Coastlands History Group, “Lighthouses of Pembrokeshire” by Malcolm Smith-Gosling, Dale Yacht Club
- **Sat 25 1930** St Ishmaels Sport & Social Club Cawl & Quiz Night
- **Tue 28 1930** Social & Film Evening, Dale Coronation Hall (see advert)

**Tai Chi classes at Dale** on: Dec 2nd and 9th, Jan 13th, 20th and 27th - all levels welcome

Please also see the adverts for **The Brook, The Griffin** and the **Sports & Social Club** for the many other events which are too numerous to mention above.
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COASTLANDS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (CIO).

We ended the 2019 programme with a very interesting look at how the erosion—caused either by the sea or the weather—is causing us to lose many archaeologically interesting sites found around our coastland. Indeed it is now not always possible to identify where iron age hill forts might have been as there is so little evidence of them left. Dr Patrick Robson of Aberystwyth University, as part of the CHERISH team, gave us a quick overview of work being done to log some of the hill forts before they disappear completely. Remembrance Day this month gave us cause to reflect on the many anniversaries coming up in 2020. In May we have the 75th anniversary of VE Day - a celebration of the end of World War Two in Europe, while September sees the 80th anniversary of The Battle of Britain not to mention the WWI anniversaries which also keep coming.

As we leave the programme of 2019 behind us and look forward to next year, it is hoped some of these anniversaries will be reflected in talks and events held during the year. The programme for 2020 is being organised as you read, and will be waiting for you at the opening meeting in January 2020. We hope you will come along and enjoy the wide variety of talks, visits and exhibitions Coastlands Local History Group will provide for you in 2020. We start with a talk by Malcolm Smith-Gosling on Lighthouses of Pembrokeshire with especial emphasis on St Ann Lighthouse where Malcolm served as Lighthouse Keeper. We are very grateful to COCOs and Dale Yacht Club for allowing us to hold this talk in DYC on Monday 20th January 2020. We look forward to seeing many of you there renewing your membership. Subscriptions are still only £5.00 for the year - bargain value!

The Trustees of CLHG (CIO) wish all our members and readers of Peninsula Papers A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year - ENJOY!

If you would like to know more about the History Group please contact Yvonne (636251) Margaret (636295) or Harriet (636668)

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Saturday December 14th
In Walwyns Castle Village Hall
10-2pm, £15.00 per person

All materials included, tea/ coffee and seasonal bakes.
Create your own door wreaths and decorations that can be used again and again. Using locally harvested and coloured willow, dogwood and more, Cassandra Lishman will guide and inspire you to make these gorgeous materials into unique festive pieces for your home or as gifts.

Booking essential:-
tel 01437781342 or email rectoryfarm1@btinternet.com
Social and Film Evenings
Autumn Season
Doors open 7 pm
Films start 7.30 pm
Coronation Hall, Dale

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from December to March
All Welcome Admission free Refreshments
Donations for running costs gratefully received.

10 Dec – 1944 Romance-War-Adventure film starring Bogart and Bacall.
14 Jan – 1940 adaptation of Steinbeck novel starring Henry Fonda
28 Jan – 2014 Ken Loach film set in 1930s Ireland
11 Feb – Classic Cary Grant comedy made in 1940

To find out more about the films email Jim on jcwarr@bbtinternet.com
Email rosemary.meck@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

WALWYNS CASTLE

God, King and Country Project, evening meeting Monday December 9th
Walwyns Castle village hall at 7.30 pm. Please bring along and share any items
of research you might have on the changes in agriculture and rural life in the
area from World War 1 onwards.

Christmas wreath making - Sat Dec 14th, see separate advert

St James Church, Walwyn's Castle, Family Christmas Carol Service and
Christingle Sunday December 22nd at 2.30 pm, followed by mulled wine and
Festive Treats in the village hall. Every one welcome

St James Church, Walwyns Castle Christmas Eve mass Tuesday December
24th. Join us at 9.30 pm for mulled wine and mince pies in the church, before the
mass service which starts at 10 pm.

MARLOES & DALE PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATION SCHEME (CIO)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE LOBSTER POT,
MARLOES. AT 1800Hrs on
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019.
Coronation Hall in Dale,
Every Tuesday from 1.30pm-3.30pm

Pop along for information and activities
3/12 Dementia Friends Training & Awareness
10/12 Christmas Tea and Carols

In the New Year
We will be organising a Magical Mystery Tour
Don’t miss out on this!
Hoping to have Podiatry and Foot-massage and
Two-way Learning with Coastlands School

There will be a launch of a new programme in Pembrokeshire called “West Wales is Kind”, so we will be looking at activities that show kindness in communities – if anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

St. Peter’s Church, Marloes – December/January Services & Notices

Saturday 30th November – A quick reminder that the Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning is taking place from 10am to 12 noon. The 50 Club winners will be drawn at the event. All welcome.

December Services – There will be Holy Communion Services on Sunday 8th and 22nd at 9.30am.

Joint Chapel/Church Carol Service – Sunday 15th December, 2.30pm at Moriah Chapel, Marloes followed by refreshments at The Lobster Pot. Please support this special event.

Tuesday 24th December – At 4pm on Christmas Eve a Crib Service will be held at St. Peter’s Church. All community residents, especially children are warmly invited to attend this half hour service retelling the Christmas Story. An opportunity to unwind from the frantic rush of the day. Please make time on Christmas Eve to join together and share the message of Christmas. Bring a torch or lantern to shine your way to and from Church.

Christmas Day - 9.30am – Holy Communion Service – Children & Adults are invited to bring along a present to show the Vicar.

January 2020 – Holy Communion Services will be held on Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th

Wednesday Morning 9am – A short service every week except during the holidays.
**The Old Stables Heritage Centre**

**WINTER OPENING**
Open every Thursday between 10.00 - 12.00.

*Closed between Christmas and New Year*
If you wish to visit The Heritage Centre at any other time please contact Margaret 636295

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**Marloes Village Store and Beach Hut Café**
A big thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning which raised a total of £790.20

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**MARLOES**
Carol Singing round the village
Monday 23rd December
Meet opposite the Lobster Pot at 6 pm
Please bring torches!
ALL WELCOME

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**Tuesdays, Marloes Village Hall, 7.30 pm**

A singing group for all ages with the aim to sing and enjoy a fun social evening each week and perform for the local community.
All types of music included. It is a unique group which includes members from all villages.

Please contact Emma Halls (01646 636932) as venue sometimes changes to Coronation Hall, Dale.
Haverfordwest Amateur Operatic Society

Cinderella

A delicious new staging of a fairy-tale favourite; a compelling music-drama, overflowing with glorious melodies. Charles Perrault’s classic story is transformed into a heart-melting celebration of forgiveness and reconciliation, told through a concoction of truly romantic and sparkling music. This is a Cinderella which will charm and captivate from start to finish; fully staged, with magnificent costumes, this production is not a pantomime, but will appeal to the young and young at heart. An amateur production. Written and arranged by Ifor Phillips.

Dale Coronation Hall January 18th
Doors open 6.30 Performance starts prompt 7.00pm
Tickets £10 on the Door. Licensed Bar

100 years old- the story begins

Our church buildings on the peninsula are ancient, some of them on sites going back 1500 years, but the church that owns and runs them is only just celebrating its centenary in 2020. This paradox comes about because of a history that some people trace back to some blue bound books and a Sunday in 1851.

With their mania for counting things, the Victorians decided that on a particular Sunday in 1851, they would count everyone who went to worship in any kind of church or chapel and publish the results. They were worried that, if everyone in Britain wanted to go to church, there would not be enough churches for them to go to. Now, I do not know if, knowing this Sunday would count, you would make sure everyone turned out to make sure your figures looked good or if, knowing the government rarely counts something without finding a way to tax it, you would encourage people to stay at home. Whichever happened in Wales the figures returned shocked people. The census showed that, in a country which prided itself on being religious, only half the people went anywhere at all, and of those who went to church or chapel, four out of every five did not go to their Anglican parish church.

Relations between the Anglican church and the chapels had already been soured by an 1847 report into education in Wales (an enterprise in which the chapels had invested much). The Anglican, English, monoglot commissioners were not polite about a nation they unfairly told the world was dirty, savage and godless. The report was published with blue covers and in Welsh is known as ‘Brad y Llyfrau Gleision’- the treachery of the blue books.

After the census and the report, the non-conformists of Wales began to argue that the Anglican church had no right to think of itself as the national church and that it should be disestablished and stripped of its privileges. David Lloyd George led the campaign for much of his political career and it was a keystone of the Liberal Party’s policies for the next seventy years.

How the Disestablishment finally came about, I will tell you in the next edition…

Rhiannon
Full programme:
www.haverfordwest-film-society.org.uk

09TH JAN LEAVE NO TRACE 2018 USA/Canada (PG) Dir: Debra Granik
A father and his thirteen year-old daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Portland, Oregon, when a small mistake derails their lives forever.

A father and his estranged son must come together to hand deliver his daughter’s wedding invitations to each guest.

23RD JAN SWEET COUNTRY 2017 AUSTRALIA (15) Dir: Warwick Thornton
An Australian western set in the 1920s, where justice itself is put on trial when an aged Aboriginal farmhand shoots a white man in self-defence.

30TH JAN ISLE OF DOGS 2018 USA (PG) Dir: Wes Anderson  Lang: English/Japanese
Set in Japan, Isle of Dogs is an animation following a boy’s odyssey in search of his lost dog.

Adults £4.50 Students £2.50
Show starts 7.30 pm  Bar opens 6.45pm

On the 19th November The Rev. Gaynor Ford and Heather Phippen gave a demonstration of Christmas Wreath making and then the Members thoroughly enjoyed making their own wreaths with great hilarity at our efforts. The wreaths with a bit of luck and TLC will last until Christmas.

The next Meeting is on 3rd December which is a Business and Social Meeting.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party on 17th December. The theme this year is Sparkles. As well as our Secret Santa this year we are also making a collection of essentials for the Women’s Refuge in Haverfordwest.

Our first Meeting of the New Year will be on the 7th January 2020 when Membership Fees are due. This year the fees are £43.

For further information on Dale WI please contact Rosey Banbury on 01646636920
SLOES

Under a patchy square-brush sky
Moist with sea-breath,
Lichened cliffs
Brighten this swell-chaffed afternoon.

Mud-greasy path
Narrowing past breeze-squeaked stunted willow,
Nooking through ivied elder
To an autumn stillness olive-grove ancient –
And behold them, bountiful as previous years!

Witchbrew sloes, ripened to that unique dark-glass depth
Of ebony finger-yield,
Bauble-clustering along scratchspike twigs
Big as grapes, you'd almost say.

Pack unshouldered, picking pots got out,
Begin to gather this Druidous bounty.

No bird disturbs with panic call;
Aside the plummy plumps as containers fill,
Nothing heard but the sea's contented garrumble,
Greentint dimplecrest glimpsed
Through gale-stripped leaf gaps.

Watch on wrist electrically telling time and,
Dull in the bay's mist,
One faraway squatfunnel oil ship:
Only these tell this a moment of now,
Not some afternoon slipped back centuries.

While I work – and work indeed,
With all that reaching aggressed by the spite of
thorns –
To my silent concentration come
Thoughts of friends not seen long whiles
And of family gone before, some before their
time…
I do not wonder why.

Now the homeward walk, plenty of berries left for others.
Halting in a glade of bracken-warmed air
To drink the sage scent of grasses still vigorous, I turn;
And, as new rain comes fringing the amber sun
Thank the spirits of those gathering hours for their company.
COASTLANDS SCHOOL UPDATE

A very Merry Christmas to everyone from all of us here at school.
This time of year is the most exciting to be in school. Carols being practised, Kings tripping over their cloaks, sheep, oxen and a donkey wandering about and everything/ everyone covered with glitter. Wonderful.

We would like to thank everyone in our community for their generous help for our silent auction/ quiz night and Christmas Fair. Without you we would not be able to raise much needed money for our school.

On Thursday this week Kirsty Williams the Minister for Education visited us to see some of the excellent work that our children have been doing. We are involved with a project called ‘Roots’ which is a partnership between South Hook LNG, Pembrokeshire National Park, local food producers and the schools in the Milford Haven cluster. Part of the project is to make connections between our local farms and the food that the children eat. We visited Trewarren and Lower Hoaten to see what happens on an arable and a dairy farm. The children loved their visits and we thank the Llewelin and Owen families very much.

We have many events planned for the rest of term:

We look forward to seeing you there :) 

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Sonja Groves

Marloes & St Brides Village Hall – Recycling & Rubbish

PLEASE NOTE:

With the new kerbside collection now in place anyone using the village hall must take all of their waste away with them at the end of the session.

Christmas Tree Recycling

After 5th January Pembrokeshire County Council will collect old Christmas trees from outside our houses for recycling.

The collection is separate from the normal recycling and is free but needs to be booked by ringing the council (01437 764551) between mid-December and early January.
Wildlife Watch - Wind in the Willows Pond Dipping – 09/11/2019

Five adults and four children joined the Wildlife Watch group with members of staff from FSC Dale Fort to learn about the habitats of Mr Toad, Mr Badger, Ratty and Mole. After some colouring in of the characters we headed out along the muddy coastal path to a local pond. On the way the children were asked which of the characters would live in habitats such as streams, woodland and ponds. An important point to note was that despite his name, Ratty was in fact a water vole! The children were very knowledgeable about the life cycle of toads and the fact that moles are practically blind. Once at the pond, the children began pond dipping and excitedly identified the smaller inhabitants such as water boatman and midge larvae. No toads sadly but this was mainly due to being late in the season. Overall, despite some cold windy weather a very enjoyable and educational afternoon!

The next free Wildlife Watch event is ‘Are You Ready for Christmas?’ on Saturday 14th December. We will be making Christmas decorations! Meet at Dale Fort at 2 PM, email: ea.df@field-studies-council.org to book!

Christmas Services in the Peninsula

December 22nd
St James, Dale. 6.00 pm Carol Service
St Peters Marloes. 9.30 am Holy Communion
St Bridgets, St Brides 11.00 am, Holy Communion
St Ishmaels, Monk Haven 11.00 am Holy Communion
Robeston West 11.00 am Holy Communion
Walwyns Castle 2.30 pm Carols and Christingle

December 24th Christmas Eve
St James Dale 4.00 pm Crib Service
St Peters Marloes 4.00 pm Crib Service
St Bridgets St Brides 6.00pm Carol Service
Walwyn’s Castle 9.30 pm for 10.00 pm Christmas Mass

December 25th Christmas Day
St James, Dale 11.00 am Holy Communion
St Peters, Marloes 9.30 am Holy Communion
St Ishmaels, Monk Haven 9.30 am Holy Communion
There were two excellent nights at the sports club to celebrate Halloween and Guy Fawkes. There was a superb display of fireworks once again this year and many thanks to all who helped to light the fireworks and to Karen Hawkins and Tania Duffield for all the fund raising they did.

Forthcoming events:

**Saturday December 7th**  Football Premier League local derby match between Manchester City and Manchester United live on Sky Sports, starting at 5.30pm. Darts and pool turkey tournaments to be played after the football and then Sky Box Office world heavyweight boxing match between A. Joshua and V. Ruiz jr to end the evening.

**Tuesday December 10th**  Coastlands School Christmas Concert.

**Saturday December 14th**  Turkey curry and quiz night, starts 7.30 - 8.00pm quiz-master Robbie Thomas.

**Wednesday December 18th**  St. Ishmaels Church Christmas Carol Concert.

**Saturday December 21st**  Pantomime time, *Alice in Pantoland* will be performed at the sports club. Starts 7pm and ends 9pm. Prices: Adults £7.50, children £5.00.

**Sunday December 22nd**  Sports club kiddies Christmas party 2pm onwards. Father Christmas will be attending. Please provide a present for your child/children to the value of no more than £5.00. The Christmas raffle draw.

**Thursday December 26th (Boxing Day)**  There will be an over 40s versus under 40s football match played. The over 40s are out for revenge and have been training all year. There will be a buffet provided after the match.

**Wednesday January 1st**  Disco in the club lounge from 2pm. 2020 club membership will also be due.

**Saturday January 25th**  Cawl and quiz night starting 7.30 - 8pm.

Christmas opening hours: Sat Dec 21st, normal opening hours; Sun Dec 22nd, opening 1pm 'til late; Mon Dec 23rd, normal opening hours; Tues Dec 24th (Christmas Eve), 4.30pm 'til late; Wed Dec 25th (Christmas Day), 11am until 2pm and 6pm 'til late; Dec 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, normal opening hours; Tues Dec 31st (New Year’s Eve), 4.30pm 'til late; Wed Jan 1st (New Year’s Day), 12 noon 'til late

Thank you to everyone for their help and support over the last 12 months. The Committee and members wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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**MARLOES SANDS**

Midwinter Beach Clean Tues 31st December

Setting off from park at 1.30 pm

AT YOUR OWN RISK

ALL WELCOME: U16s accompanied, please
PRIMROSES: PIN-EYES AND THRUM-EYES

The Primrose’s name celebrates its early appearance – they are the ‘prima rosa’, or the ‘first flower’, of spring. (Though of course they aren’t really – their main display is preceded by snowdrops, daffodils, celandines, daises etc). There are often a few in flower at the start of the New Year, and even in December, hence this article, but by April primroses are at their finest in woods and on hedge-banks across the British Isles.

Primroses (*Primula vulgaris*) flourish in our mild, damp Atlantic climate. There are some particularly splendid displays in the thick old hedgerows of Devon and Cornwall and of course, in West Wales. They prefer heavier soils that retain moisture and are less common in sandy places. They are currently not doing at all well in the drier eastern counties.

True primroses carry their flowers on single stems, but you often see plants with several flowers on a single stem; if these are slightly deeper yellow, they are probably hybrids with cowslips, known as false oxlips.

You may also find pink or pinkish-yellow primroses, either on single stems or in small clusters. These can be the result of cross-pollination by insects which have visited the red and pink hybrids of *Primula* or *Polyanthus* garden plants, before visiting wild primroses. The result is a rather washed-out plant which is half-way between both parents. These pinkish primroses also seem to arise naturally and often occur far from gardens.

Next time you see a primrose flower, have a careful look at it. There are two different types of primrose flowers: some have a pin-eyed stigma which rises above the pollen-bearing anthers, which are half-way down the flower tube, while in thrum-eyed flowers the stigma is below the anthers which are at the top.

Long-tongued insects like butterflies and bee-flies visit the flowers to reach the nectar at the base of the flower-tube.

When they visit a thrum-eyed plant, the pollen from the anthers, which are near the top of the tube at the entrance, attaches to the top of the insect’s proboscis.

When it visits a pin-eyed flower and probes deeply for nectar, the pollen is in a perfect position to be transferred to the higher stigma of this flower.

An insect visiting a pin-eyed flower first collects pollen from the lower anthers on the middle of its proboscis, which it then transfers to the stigma in a thrum-eyed plant, which is positioned lower down the flower tube. It’s an ingenious adaptation which ensures that primroses will be successfully cross-pollinated.

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ALL RECYCLING PLUS GREY BAGS on these dates: December 6th, December 29th (Sunday), January 17th, February 7th and 28th